

heartfelt thank you for his continuing efforts to make our Nation worthy for our grandchildren and beyond.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call vote No. 220, due to an error in the voting process my vote was not officially recorded when I cast my vote and was unable to return to the floor in time before the vote closed. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 220.

HONORING MR. FRANCISCO MANTILLA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Francisco Mantilla for his commitment to the people of New Jersey. Mr. Mantilla came to this country from Ecuador in pursuit of the American Dream. A businessman, father and community leader, Francisco leads a rich life here in the United States. He is a role model for many in the Silk City. Today, I ask that we honor him for all his outstanding work.

Born to Mr. Francisco Arturo Mantilla Sr. and Rosa Mantilla Faz, Francisco's story starts in Ecuador. A studious and dedicated individual, Francisco would complete high school with high honors and by the age of twenty-one, earn a law degree from the Catholic University of Guayaquil. Mr. Mantilla, after completing his education, made the brave decision to leave Ecuador for greater opportunity here in the United States.

In 1970, Francisco arrived in the Silk City. In Paterson, Mr. Mantilla would begin his journey as an American citizen with dreams of a better life for his family. Living briefly in New York, Francisco met his wonderful wife Elsa and in 1972, resettled permanently in the City of Paterson. Married a year later in 1973, Francisco and Elsa would have three children, Rosa, Francisco and Elsa Elizabeth.

The year is 1980, and together with his wife, Elsa's Fashions is opened on 21st Ave. in Paterson. The second ever Latino owned business in the immediate area. Elsa's Fashions would become an important gathering place and respected establishment for the Latin American community. The owner and operator, Francisco would encourage and support other Latin Americans to start their own small business. Offering guidance and leadership, there has been no greater advocate for the businesses here in the Silk City.

A founding member of many community organizations, we can see Francisco's work throughout the State of New Jersey. Starting the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Paterson and the 21st Ave. Business Association, there are hundreds if not thousands of small business owners who have Francisco to thank for his contributions. A liaison with the

City of Paterson, Mr. Mantilla is a constant advocate before the Mayor and council on behalf of the small businesses on 21st Ave.

Francisco Mantilla has shared his prosperity with the community. Hosting toy drives, voter registration drives and clothing and food drives for the less fortunate, Francisco gives back and raises others up in the City of Paterson. Recognized by many different organizations for his community activism, Francisco was named the "Patersonian of the Year", "Entrepreneur of the Year" and "The Ambassador of 21st Avenue". I, on the other hand, know him to be my friend.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Mr. Francisco Mantilla.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, friends, family, and the residents of New Jersey in recognizing Francisco Mantilla, as we celebrate his years of distinguished service to the people of the Ninth Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, due to a transportation issue, I was unable to make votes on November 16, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of both S. 327 and S. 3147.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF S. 910, THE NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2020

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 910, the National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2020.

For decades, the Sea Grant College Program has provided essential oceans-focused research and support for our communities nationwide and especially now as we face the impacts of climate change on coastal communities. The bill before us today would authorize an increase in funding for our Sea Grant programs and enhance our efforts to study, conserve and effectively use U.S. coastal resources.

Climate change is wreaking havoc on our coasts, including throughout my Hawaii where coastal roads are crumbling as sea level rise and erosion take their toll. Coral reefs, which are vital resources for our ecosystems and provide protection from storm surges to our coasts, are facing mass bleaching events due to warming waters. Fish stocks are moving from traditional areas because of warming waters. The Sea Grant Program works with communities to research these issues and many more to provide useful information to

make informed management decisions based on science.

The University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program (Hawaii Sea Grant) is a prime example of focus on critical issues related to sustainable coastal development, tourism, hazard resiliency, sustainable aquaculture, indigenous knowledge, and the impacts of climate change. In all of its efforts, Hawaii Sea Grant strives to promote stewardship of Hawaii's coastal ecosystems and increase public awareness of the need to preserve and protect Hawaii's precious marine resources.

Just some Hawaii Sea Grant impacts in 2018 included:

Created or sustained 43 jobs for an economic benefit of at least \$4.2 million;

Generated \$6.8 million in leveraged funds, resulting in a return on the federal investment of approximately 200 percent;

Supported the education and training of 53 undergraduates and graduate students;

Assisted 47 communities throughout Hawaii with implementing sustainable development practices and policies;

Helped 762 fishers adopt safe and sustainable fishing practices;

Educated over 30,000 K-12 students in Hawaii through Sea Grant education activities;

Helped restore an estimated 5,500 acres of coastal ecosystems; and

Improved community resilience statewide through outreach and distribution of more than 75,000 copies of the Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards publication.

These impacts prove the longstanding importance of Sea Grant to many such communities nationwide. I am proud to support this continued work and urge all my colleagues to pass S. 910.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 2466, THE STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2020 AND H.R. 2281, THE EASY MEDICATION ACCESS AND TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2466, the State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act of 2020 and H.R. 2281, the Easy MAT for Opioid Addiction Act. I'm proud to have advanced these bipartisan bills through my Health Subcommittee and I'm pleased to support them on the Floor today.

According to the most recent CDC data, in 2018, 67,000 Americans died of a drug overdose. Overdoses in 2018 alone killed more Americans than the Vietnam War. This is a national crisis.

In 2016 Congress passed the 21st Century Cures Act and CARRA, and in 2018 the SUPPORT Act was signed into law to stem the tide of addiction and devastation that the opioid crisis has created.

Yet, despite our legislative efforts to increase access to medication-assisted treatment or MAT, according to a 2019 National Academies of Science report, more than 80 percent of the 2 million people with opioid use disorder are not receiving MAT and families